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## **WALTER KEVIN SCOTT RESENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WALTER KEVIN SCOTT, 37, Bloomington, Indiana, was resentenced to 120 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker. SCOTT appealed the 10 year sentenced imposed on December 29, 2003, following his appeal of his guilty plea to 23 counts of bank fraud, engaging in illegal monetary transactions, and misusing another person's Social Security number.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven DeBrotta, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker found during the prior sentencing hearing that SCOTT obstructed justice while his case was pending. However, the Court of Appeals disagreed and ordered a new sentencing.

Yesterday, Judge Barker reaffirmed her initial sentence of 120 months of imprisonment, because SCOTT's conduct, while not an obstruction of justice nevertheless included serious misconduct while at the Volunteers of America, an Indianapolis work-release facility. SCOTT bribed two employees in order to extend the length of medical passes which allowed him to leave the facility for treatment purposes only. SCOTT also lied on 10 occasions to obtain medical passes and then failed to attend the specified treatment appointments, choosing instead to spend the time conducting business deals, dining at local restaurants, and engaging in sexual relations with his girlfriend. Judge Barker found that this conduct resulted in a significant disruption of governmental functioning and placed the case outside the heartland of other cases. In those circumstances, Judge Barker found that a longer sentence was necessary because of the seriousness of SCOTT's conduct, the need to protect the public, and to deter him and others from engaging in similar activities.

Judge Barker also ordered SCOTT to pay restitution to the Public Employees Retirement Fund and Cook, Inc. in the amount of \$1,353,336.70.

The investigation was jointly conducted by the Indiana State Police, U.S. Secret Service, and the Internal Revenue Service as part of an effort to identify criminal activity victimizing the Public Employees Retirement Fund of Indiana and other entities.

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